



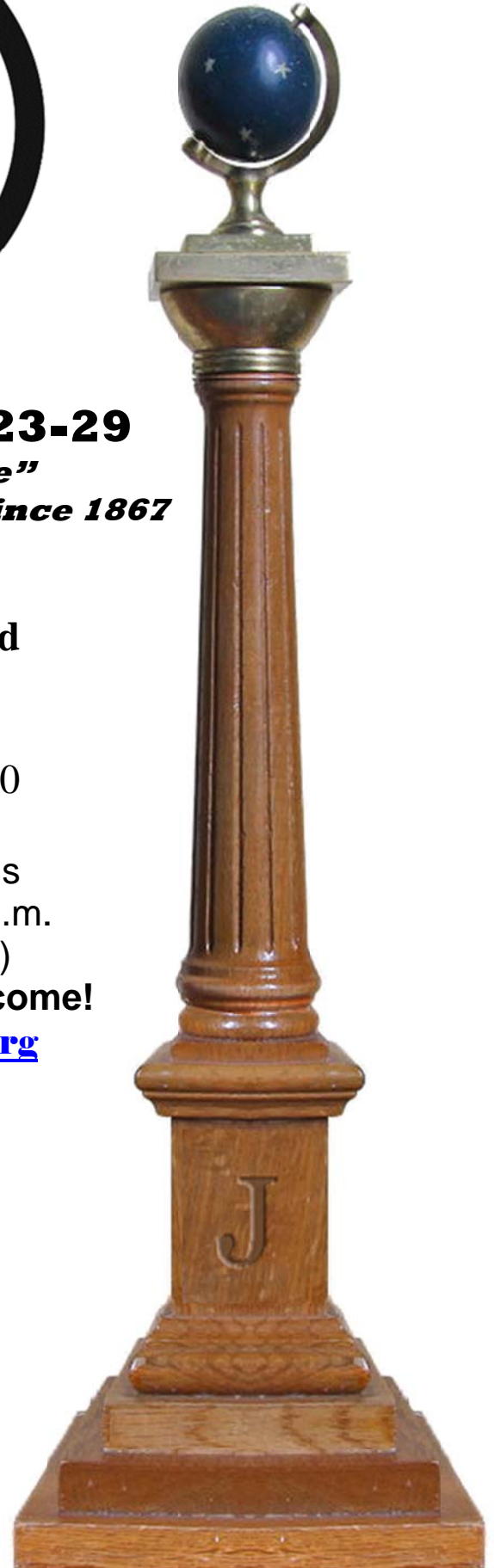
**Eureka-DuPont #23-29**  
***"The Friendly Lodge"***  
***Making Good Men Better since 1867***

**November 2018**  
**Masonic Trestleboard**

2016 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810

Stated Communications  
2nd Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.  
(Except July & August)  
**All Visiting Brethren Welcome!**

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**Need a Ride to Lodge  
or other function?**

We'll get you one.  
Call the Master  
or any officer.

**FROM THE EAST**



My Brothers,

As we enter the month of November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Please keep those less fortunate in your thoughts and contribute as liberally as your means will permit. This not only includes monetary donations, but time spent with helping the needy. In District I, many Masons donate their time on Saturdays at the Wilmington Breakfast Club. The Westminster Presbyterian Church has been sponsoring the feeding of the hungry for nearly 30 years and has provided over 250,000 breakfasts to those who need only come and partake. It is most rewarding to see the smiles of those who attend and know you have done something, albeit small, to help your fellow Delawareans. The Breakfast Club occurs every Saturday from 6:30 am to ~10:00 am at 500 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. in Wilmington. More information can be found at the website provided below.

Last month, Eureka-DuPont #23-29 and Granite-Corinthian #34 entered one candidate from each of our respective lodges. There were many lodges represented, with our Grand Master, M.W. Donald E. Rosenberry and members of his grand staff attending. Bro. Kenyatta Williamson did an excellent job as Sr. Deacon for both lodges. It was a good night with plenty of fellowship (see picture below). Combined lodge degrees really bring the craft together. We also plan to have another worthy candidate initiated during the next month.

For our program this month, The Mt. Pleasant High School Flute Group will be performing a short recital. Special thanks to Mrs. Theresa LaPerle for coordinating this event. Please come out and enjoy the concert.

Looking forward to seeing you at lodge.

Fraternally,  
*Kevin O'Rourke*  
Worshipful Master



**FROM THE WEST**

At the beginning of each Lodge Meeting as Senior Warden, I recite our obligations to help and support distressed Master Masons and their families. As we all now know, Past Master David Simkins is suffering from stage IV colon cancer. The cancer is also affecting his liver and his lungs. I would like to note that WM Kevin O'Rourke and Bro. Richard Williamson worked together, along with Bro. David's daughter Jessica, to establish a GoFundMe page ([www.gofundme.com/stand-by-the-simkins-family](http://www.gofundme.com/stand-by-the-simkins-family)). The information on this page has also been sent out to Grand Lodge for dissemination to the Masonic Lodges in Delaware and the Grand Lodges in surrounding states. If you have not yet contributed, I strongly urge you to do so. If you have already contributed, I recommend in the name of Brotherhood and Freemasonry, that you do it again.

In addition, I would like to note that Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Barry Hughes is recovering from his stroke but is still unable to ambulate without a walker or the use of a wheelchair. Please keep M.W. Brother Hughes in your prayers for a full recovery.

Fraternally,  
*Gary Williamson*, PM  
Senior Warden



A warm hello and wave to Mrs. Sally Loudon from the officers and members.  
We hope you are doing well.



## NOVEMBER 2018

The 234th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held at the Brandywine Masonic Temple, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 PM. The reading of the minutes, correspondence, payment of bills, committee reports, reception of petitions, Masonic birthdays, program and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge will be transacted.

*Kevin O'Rourke*, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **October 29:** FC Extravaganza Armstrong Lodge #26 and Concord Lodge #625 F&AM (Newport) 7:00 PM
- **November 2:** Flag Placement, Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear
- **November 3:** Grand Lodge Workshop (Dover) 9 AM
- **November 8:** Stated Communication
- **November 10:** Empty Chair Degree (New Castle) 11 AM
- **November 12:** Officer Practice 7:00 PM
- **November 24:** Wilmington Christmas Parade
- **November 26:** Officer Practice 7:00 PM

### **Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 Living Past Masters**

2018 Harvey S. Goldberg	1975 John R. Kraus
2017 Jerome R. "Jay" Troy	1975 Frederick A. Egan
2016 Thomas J. Cole	1974 Lawrence D Jester Sr.
2015 Gary R. Williamson	1973 David Hipp
2005-14 David M. Simkins	1972-1974 John R. Bradd
1998-2003 Robert Hiddeman	1972 Kenneth C. Butler
1993 Peter M. Pena	1970 Anton W. Benson
1990 Neil M. Thompson	1970 Alvin M Rubenstein
1986 Lloyd H. Stover	1969 John Barnes
1982 Anton W. Benson	1966 John W. Davis, Jr.
1979 George W. Butz, III	1963 Donald P. Zebley
1976 Kenneth C. Butler	1956 Arthur A. Thompson

### **Affiliated Past Masters**

James A. Pletz, PGM (#33 DE)	Cory R. Kramer (#34 DE)
Russell B. McComb (#529 PA)	Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)	



### **Wilmington Breakfast Club**

Information on the breakfast club is available here:

<http://jtroy.com/breakfast>

Come out and join your brothers helping the hungry.



### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Brethren, please be aware that the Grand Lodge Dues and Assessments for the upcoming year have been increased by \$0.50 to \$35.00. These fees are as follows: Grand Lodge Dues: \$32.00, MSA: \$0.50, Gunning Bedford Scholarship: \$1.00, GW Masonic Memorial: \$1.00, NE Conference of Grand Masters (2029) hosted by the GL of DE: \$0.50.

### **DINNER IS SERVED**

Our Stewards provide dinner before every Stated Communication. Please come out, break bread and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers. This month our menu includes:

- German/Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes and Salad
- Dessert

Special thanks to Bro. Drew Wedel, our Sr. Steward, who prepared a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner in October.

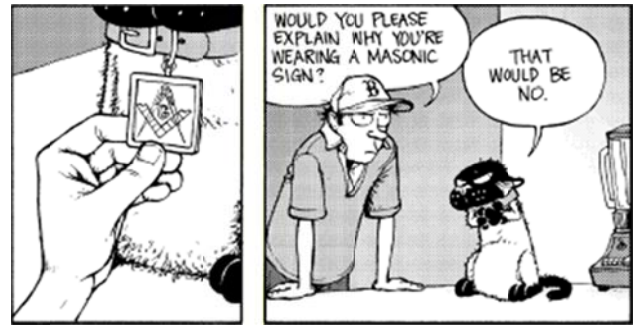
Members: \$5 Donation



PLEASE TAKE TIME OUT AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE [eurekadupont.org](http://eurekadupont.org) WHERE YOU CAN FIND ALL OF THIS YEAR'S TRESTLEBOARDS.

## Masonic Birthdays: 250 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years in Masonry
Donald L. McDowell	66
Lloyd J. Taylor	51
Kenneth W. Gray	34
Neil M. Thompson, PM	33
David A. Russ	22
David M. Simkins, PM	22
Reese J. Stewart	21
Edward T. Wolfe	1



## A.F. AND A.M. VS. F. AND A.M. STATES

What is the difference between A.F. and A.M. vs F. and A.M. States?

A.F. and A.M. stands for Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. F. and A.M. stands for Free and Accepted Masons. In actuality, it does not matter whether you join an A.F. & A.M. lodge or an F. & A.M. lodge in the United States.

In the U.S., every regular lodge is under the jurisdiction of its state Grand Lodge. Due to the fact that there is no Grand Lodge Headquarters for each state's separate Grand Lodge, each state's Grand Lodge is, therefore, its own "headquarters" within that state's jurisdiction.

All Freemasons, both A.F. & A.M. (which means Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as F. & A.M., which means Free and Accepted Masons, trace their allegorical history back to the building of Solomon's temple in the Holy Scriptures. Freemasonry was exported to the British Colonies in North America in the 1730s—with both the "Ancients" (sometimes also referred to as "Antients") and the "Moderns" (as well as the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland) which chartered offspring ("daughter") lodges, and organized various Provincial Grand Lodges. After the American Revolution, independent U.S. Grand Lodges formed within each state.



## ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS VERSUS FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

From 1751 to 1813, there were actually 2 Grand Lodges in England. The difference in A.F. and A.M. vs. F. and A.M. states goes back to a disagreement between these 2 Grand Lodges in London at that time. One group was called the "Moderns", but was actually the older of the two English Grand Lodges. The other group was called the "Antients", which became the "Ancients" in A.F. and A.M. Due to this disagreement, the two groups broke into separate Grand Lodges. The disagreement was later healed around 1880, but by that time, there were lodges and Grand Lodges all over the United States that were descended from one group or the other, and so each group kept their corresponding initials with which they were formed, (which is the reason for which there are small differences within different states' ritual wording and Grand Lodge By-Laws and procedures). Most Grand Lodges in the U.S. recognize each other and treat each other's members as valid Masons.

Also, all of the U.S. Grand Lodges recognize (and are recognized by) the official Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and the Grand Lodges in most of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Thailand, India, etc.

Reference: Masonic Lodge of Education (<https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/>)



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The American flag was sewn by Betsy Ross, whose husband was a member of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr., a member of Clear Lake Lodge # 1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
- The examination of a candidate for proficiency in the previous degree was first introduced in 1850 in Louisiana.
- For more than 138 years, the Lodge St. George of Bermuda has paid Bermuda's Governor "one peppercorn" as annual rent of the old state house.
- A lodge is opened by its Master in "due form" meaning according to ancient usages and customs, the laws and ritual of its Grand Lodge.  
A Grand Lodge is opened by the Grand Master in "ample form" meaning he has the power and authority to deviate from common ritual to save time.



Taken from the internet, so these must be true ☺

## THOMAS R. TOWNSLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

On October 15, 2018, at the request of our Brother's family, the Officers and Members of Eureka-DuPont Lodge #23-29, Brandywine Lodge #33, Granite-Corinthian Lodge #34, and Union Lodge #7 performed a Masonic Memorial Service for Brother "Tommy" Townsley of Pennsylvania Lodge Abraham C. Treichler #682. We were honored and proud to be of service to our PA Brothers.



Combined Entered Apprentice Degree: Left to Right:  
M.W. Bro. Pletz, W. Bro. O'Rourke, Bro. Jackson,  
M.W. Bro. Rosenberry, Bro. May, W. Bro. Troy,  
M.W. Bro. Mower



## ABRAHAM C. TREICHLER LODGE No. 682 Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania



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October 16, 2018

Kevin O'Rourke, WM  
Eureka-Dupont Lodge 23-29

Brother Kevin

Greetings from Abraham C. Treichler Lodge 682 F & A M, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

I would like to extend to you and those who participated in the Masonic Memorial Service you performed for this Lodge's Brother Thomas R. Townsley a very sincere thank you for this Masonic courtesy. When the family requested this service not only was our Lodge faced with a travel problem, but the service was requested for the night of our regular Stated Meeting.

This is the final symbolic service provided to a Mason. It is also one of few Masonic services that non-members of the craft can witness. Much of the symbolism in this service is known only to Masons, but it is often of benefit to family members in their time of bereavement, to know that their loved-one was so well-regarded by his Masonic brothers. In this case, they had to be equally impressed that you would do this for a complete stranger, simply because of the fraternal bond of Freemasonry.

Should a similar need arise from a Lodge in the Delaware Jurisdiction, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No 682 stands ready to provide assistance.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

James R. Seibert  
Worshipful Master  
Abraham C. Treichler Lodge 682